in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam including extortions, physical injuries and murders. They have also been extorting money from businessmen. These activities have created panic among the businessmen of these States. The State Governments have been advised to take necessary steps in the regard and increase vigil. Para-military forces have been provided to these States.

Shift in terrorist outfits strategy

152. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that terrorist outfits have shifted their activities to metropolitan cities where they can safely hit at soft target; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) There is no confirmed information in this regard. The Central Government is however, keeping a close watch on the situation in close cooperation with the state governments.

Acquisition of land for Indore By-Pass

153. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs 2.45 crores was sanctioned for acquisition of land for Indore Bypass in April, 1987;

(b) if so, at what stage the land acquisition proceedings are pending and what amount has so far been spent for the aforesaid;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that Agra-Bombay National Highway passes through the congested and thickly populated localities of Indore town and almost every day fatal and serious accident occur on this road and therefore it is imperative that the aforesaid work gets expeditiously completed; and

(d) whether Government are likely to fix any time schedule for the completion of the above work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The entire land has been acquired and about Rs. 1 crore has been disbursed so far.

(c) & (d) The need to construct a byepass around Indore has been accepted having regard to present density and other characteristics of traffic. The project of construction of the by-pass has been posed to the World Bank for financial assistance along with other projects. As the World Bank has not yet taken a final view in the matter, it is too early to fix any time schedule for the completion of the byepass.

Assistance to certain States for tackling naxalites activities

154. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing any special financial and other assistance to the State Governments for tackling the increasing naxalities activities in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra and also for coordinating the efforts of the States, as was recently demanded by a Chief Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what new initiatives and action are being taken by Government for solving this problem which has spread in the tribal areas of those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a)

to (c) "Public Order" and 'Police', being state subjects, are primarily the concern of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has also been rendering all possible assistance to the state governments in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities for state police personnel, improved communication facilities etc. The Central Government has been emphasising on the concerned state governments to organise joint operational plans and concerted police action by periodic consultation between the police authorities of the neighbouring states so that the extremist elements do not find shelter in the neighbouring states when under pressure elsewhere.

Amendment of Criminal Procedure Code

155. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to amend Sections 173, 233, 260 and 296 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 with a view to ensuring more expeditious disposal of criminal cases;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of these amendments; and

(c) by when these amendments would be brought about?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1988, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 13-5-1988 but lapsed on the dissolution of the Lok Sabha, *inter-alia* contained provisions for the amendment of sections 173, 223, 260 and 296 in clauses 22, 28, 31 and 36 respectively, which had the effect of expediting the disposal of criminal cases. The question of undertaking legislation on the lines of the lapsed Bill is engaging the attention of the Government.

Offers to naxalites in A.P. for voluntary surrender

156. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the terms and conditions offered by the then Government of Telugu Desham in Andhra Pradesh to the naxalites in the State for their voluntary surrender;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the month-wise details of the sums paid to such surrendered Naxalites since 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

राजस्थान राज्य में दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र

157. डा० अबरार अहमद खान: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने [illegible] करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान में उन स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं, जहां सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र खोले जाने थे और इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी धनराशि निर्धारित की गई थी;

(ख) उन स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं, जहां अब तक दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र खोले जा चुके हैं और इन पर इस प्रयोजन के लिए निर्धारित की गई धनराशि में से कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है और निर्धारित अवधि में निर्धारित धनराशि खर्च न करने के लिए उत्तरदायी व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में निकट भविष्य में दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र स्थापित किए जाने हैं; यदि हां, तो किन किन स्थानों पर और कब तक; और